

the 400th anniversary of its first Spanish Settlement. In 1598, the first Spanish expedition arrived from Santa Barbara, Mexico, and settled near San Juan Pueblo in the Española valley.

The Spanish settlement of New Mexico in 1598 predates the Pilgrims' landing at Plymouth Rock in 1620, by 22 years. It also predates the settlement of Jamestown in 1607 by 9 years.

New Mexicans are exploring their roots with a renewed interest. The Pueblo Indians of New Mexico helped the Spanish to survive and flourish. The Spanish brought new crops, mining, weaving, cattle and other livestock, Christianity, and Spanish government.

Although the history of two cultures meeting in New Mexico has had its difficult times, such as the Pueblo Revolt of 1680, New Mexico is today known for its harmonious intercultural life, including much intermarriage.

Mr. President, I am proud to have 60 cosponsors of this resolution. Senator LOTT, the Senate Majority Leader, and Senator DASCHLE, the Senate Minority Leader, are both original cosponsors of this resolution.

This year we commemorate the brave and adventurous Spanish families who first set roots in the beautiful Land of Enchantment. By commemorating these early events, we are also honoring the important cultural, political, and economic contributions those Spanish families and their descendants have made to enrich our state and nation.

The Oñate expedition was part of a large Spanish effort to expand the Spanish Empire, convert more people to Christianity, and find great wealth in the New World. There was great excitement at the beginning of the 16th Century about these prospects.

Spaniards like Hernán Cortés and Francisco Pizarro (cousins from Medellín and Ciudad Trujillo) left Spain in the early 1500's to seek their fortunes and spread the glory of Spain.

When Mayan gold was taken back to Spain from the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico in 1517 by Hernandez de Córdoba, it fueled the fires of the Spanish enthusiasm for finding the legendary Seven Cities of Gold in the New World.

Spanish explorers like Poncé de León, Francisco Coronado, and Don Juan de Oñate explored modern-day America from Florida to California.

Some 400 Spanish settlers were led by Don Juan de Oñate from Santa Barbara, Mexico, through El Paso to San Juan Pueblo (named by Oñate for John the Baptist). The soldiers, priests, laymen, families, servants and their 83 wagons and 7,000 animals formed a 2 to 4 mile-long caravan as they journeyed up the Rio Grande.

When they arrived at San Juan Pueblo on July 11, 1598, they established the first Spanish capital in the New World. They built the San Gabriel chapel and convento. Today, a beautiful replica of the San Gabriel chapel stands in the Española Plaza.

It is well known that the Spanish people founded the oldest cities in America. First, St. Augustine, Florida was founded in 1565, followed by Santa Fe, New Mexico, the second oldest city in what is now the United States. In 1610, Santa Fe was named the capital of New Mexico making it the oldest capital city in America today.

Before Santa Fe became the capital of the New Mexico territory, the San Gabriel mission served as the first Spanish Capital of New Mexico, beginning in 1598. San Gabriel is at San Juan Pueblo where the Rio Chama meets the Rio Grande. Its Indian name was Yunge Oweenge.

The designation and renaming of this site by its first Governor, Don Juan de Oñate, as San Gabriel del Yunge Oweenge marks the first permanent Spanish settlement in the west.

1998 marks the 400th Anniversary of the founding of San Gabriel del Yunge Oweenge in the Española Valley of present-day New Mexico.

This resolution highlights the importance of the Spanish explorations in America and pays tribute to the growing population of Hispanics who are anticipated to be twenty percent of our national population by the year 2030, with a projected population of 60 million Hispanics. Two-thirds of the 26 million Hispanics in America (who make up eleven percent of our population today) are of Mexican origin, and 70 percent of Hispanics live in 4 states: California, Texas, New York, and Florida.

New Mexico has the highest percentage of Hispanics at 39 percent or about 660,000 residents out of a total 1995 state population of 1.7 million. Albuquerque, New Mexico, will be the site of a new Hispanic Cultural Center to celebrate and preserve Hispanic culture including literature, performing arts, visual arts, music, culinary arts, and language arts.

New Mexico will be the center of many exciting events throughout the year to commemorate this important historic milestone. New Mexicans are looking forward to fiestas, balls, parades, and other stimulating events to mark this historic occasion.

The Archbishop of Santa Fe will be opening a Jubilee year in January. Among other events, he will hold an encuentro at Santo Domingo Pueblo to mark the meeting of the missionaries with the Pueblo Peoples.

The City of Española will have a fiesta in July to commemorate the actual arrival of the Spanish into the area. Santa Fe, Las Vegas, Taos, Socorro, Aztec, Albuquerque, and other New Mexico towns and cities will be holding such special events as fiestas, historic reenactments, a State Fair Pageant, an historic Spanish costume ball, and parades. Seminars and lectures will abound.

State Fair pageant plans include a reenactment of De Vargas' reentry into New Mexico, a review of the Pueblo Revolt and its ramifications, life under

the American flag during the middle to late 1800's, and a patriotic tribute to all Hispanics who have fought for the United States. This reentry spectacular will be performed twice before large New Mexico State Fair audiences. It will also be televised.

This resolution also asks the President to issue a proclamation declaring 1998 is a year to commemorate the arrival of Hispanics and celebrate their growth in importance in our nation's culture and economy.

This Senate Resolution calls upon the people of the United States to support, promote, and participate in the many New Mexico Cuarto-centenario activities being planned to commemorate the historic event of the first Spanish settlement in the Southwest Region of the United States.

Mr. President, I thank my colleagues for their overwhelming support of Senate Resolution 148. This resolution designates 1998 as the "New Mexico Cuartocentenario" to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the first Spanish settlement in New Mexico.

Mr. CHAFEE. I ask unanimous consent that the committee amendment be agreed to, the resolution be agreed to, the amendment to the title be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution appear at this point in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 148), as amended, was agreed to.

The title was amended so as to read:

A resolution designating 1998 as the 'New Mexico Cuartocentenario', the 400th anniversary commemoration of the first permanent Spanish settlement in New Mexico.

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: Calendar No. 506 and 507, and the nominations of Randall Dean Anderson and Robert Miller which were reported by the Judiciary Committee today, and I ask further unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to consider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nominations appear in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's

action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Beverly Baldwin Martin, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Hiram Arthur Contreras, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas for the term of four years.

Randall Dean Anderson, of Utah, to be United States Marshall for the District of Utah for the term of four years.

Robert A. Miller, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2000.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

#### ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1998

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 27, and immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and there then be a period for morning business until 10 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the following exception: Senator ASHCROFT, 10 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at the hour of 10 a.m., the Senate resume consideration of S. 1173, the ISTEA bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, in conjunction with the previous unanimous consent agreements, tomorrow morning there will be a period of morning business for 30 minutes, followed by consideration of S. 1173, the so-called ISTEA legislation.

Mr. President, it is our hope that the Senate will be able to make good progress on this important legislation during Friday's session of the Senate. In addition, the Senate may consider any executive or legislative business cleared for floor action. Therefore, roll-call votes are possible during tomorrow's session.

Mr. President, it is my hope, as it is of the ranking member of the committee, that Senators will bring over their amendments tomorrow so that we can act upon them. There are a host of amendments out there. While it is true that we cannot consider amendments dealing with financial matters in connection with this legislation, there is a whole series of other amendments that are available for consideration if only the proponents of the amendments will come over and present them. I greatly hope that will take place tomorrow.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:14 p.m., adjourned until Friday, February 27, at 9:30 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate February 26, 1998:

##### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

EDWARD A. POWELL, JR., OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (MANAGEMENT), VICE D. MARK CATLETT, RESIGNED.

##### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Q. TODD DICKINSON, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS, VICE MICHAEL KANE KIRK, RESIGNED.

#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate February 26, 1998:

##### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

BEVERLY BALDWIN MARTIN, OF GEORGIA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

HIRAM ARTHUR CONTRERAS, OF TEXAS, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

##### STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

ROBERT A. MILLER, OF SOUTH DAKOTA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 17, 2000.

##### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RANDALL DEAN ANDERSON, OF UTAH, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

#### WITHDRAWAL

Executive message transmitted by the President to the Senate on February 26, 1998, withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

##### FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

GEORGE DONOHUE, OF MARYLAND, TO BE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, VICE LINDA HALL DASCHLE, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JUNE 26, 1997.